

Dear Ms. Murphy:

I am writing in support of the EPA's Draft General Permit for Small MS4s in the North Coastal Watersheds of Massachusetts and urge EPA to issue it as soon as possible.

According to state environmental officials, approximately 60% of the water pollution in Massachusetts comes from polluted rainwater. Rainwater from roads, parking lots, and other hard surfaces in Upton carries horse manure, gasoline and trash into our rivers, streams, ponds, and wetlands. These materials threaten to contaminate our waterways and public water supplies. Towns and government agencies must do more to remove pollutants from rainwater runoff.

There is much that can be done to keep our water supply safe and potable. Simply put, I'm in support of the EPA's draft General Permit for MS4s being enacted into law.

Sincerely,

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